more promptly made. The matter is however noted for consideration.

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SUBJECT NO. 142.

Creation of Irrigation facilities.

Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Reports sent by the Special Committee regarding irrigation facilities may be disposed of early. The improvement of irrigation works in the State is not satisfactory and more vigorous action is necessary in this direction.

Second Member of Council.—The Committee's report has been received and the Chief Engineer has sent up his recommendations to Government. As the recommendations involve an increase of establishment, this question is being considered in connection with the re-organisation of the Public Works Department. Big schemes require some time for their final disposal, whereas small ones can be disposed of by the Public Works Department. The Chief Engineer has promised to see that small schemes are not unnecessarily delayed.

SUBJECT NO. 143.

Appointment of a Committee to consider the question of increasing the capacity of tanks.

Messrs. Seenappa and G. Ramappa, Kolar District Board.

Mr. Seenappa and Mr. G. Ramappa.—A mixed Committee of officials and non-officials may be appointed to enquire into and report as to how tanks could be saved from silting up year after year and how the capacity of the tanks could be increased to prevent complaints of the raiyats.

Second Member of Council.—There does not seem to be much good in appointing such committees. The matter is noted for consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 144.

Raising the waste weirs of major tanks.

Mr. Kempa Setty, Devanhalli Municipality.

The waste weirs of major tanks in the State may be raised to afford the storage of more water.

Second Member of Council.—The Engineering Department is examining the whole question. It is not possible to raise waste weirs of all tanks at once. If there is any particular tank that requires attention, the Chief Engineer may be addressed.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—We have even promised to contribute something towards the supply of water, and though we have waited for over four years, it has all been in vain.

Second Member of Council.—If it is proved that water was not given, you may report to the Deputy Commissioner who will forward a recommendation to the Chief Engineer for the supply of water. If complaints about tanks are preferred to Deputy Commissioners, they will include them in the programme of

tank works. The Deputy Commissioners and the Revenue Commissioner may be approached first and then representations may be submitted to Government.

SUBJECT No. 145.

Hot weather supply of water to the channels.

Messrs. (1) N. Srinivasa Iyengar (2) S. A. Javaraiya, Seringapatam Taluk.

Mr. N. Srinivasiengar.—The subject was brought up before the Assembly last year also. But nothing seems to have been done in this direction. During hot weather, there is not sufficient water in the river for irrigation purposes. Consequently, raiyats are put to much difficulty. Sometimes during February, transplantation of paddy takes place and water is very essential at this period. I, therefore, request that supply of water in channels may be continued till 10th February every year as the lands under many of the channels will have to be cultivated late.

Mr. V. Shamiengar.—In the T.-Narsipur taluk, water was not supplied this year till the end of June 1920. From July, transplantation of paddy begins and till January we will not be able to cut our crops. Therefore, water should be given till the middle of February every year.

Dewan.—In February, water in the river is very low and cannot flow in channels.

Mr. N. Srinivasiengar.—About the 20th mile of the Codihalli *nala*, the *nala* was breached and consequently no water was given though we had represented our grievances by wire.

Second Member of Council.—I suppose the Superintending Engineer inspected the work. The Chief Engineer says that it is the usual custom to let water till the 10th January every year as per Rules. In cases where water is necessary, the question whether water could be given till the 10th February will be considered if requisitions are made in time.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastry.—That is not the custom now. In March and April, in some places, transplantation takes place and during this period, water is very necessary. As a rule, water-supply should be given irrespective of the period. Mere correspondence takes any amount of time. I would therefore request that a general rule may be issued permitting the raiyats to use water till the 10th February every year.

Chief Engineer.—The raiyats will not be benefited by framing a hard and fast rule. When there is no water in the *nala*, we cannot supply water. We have